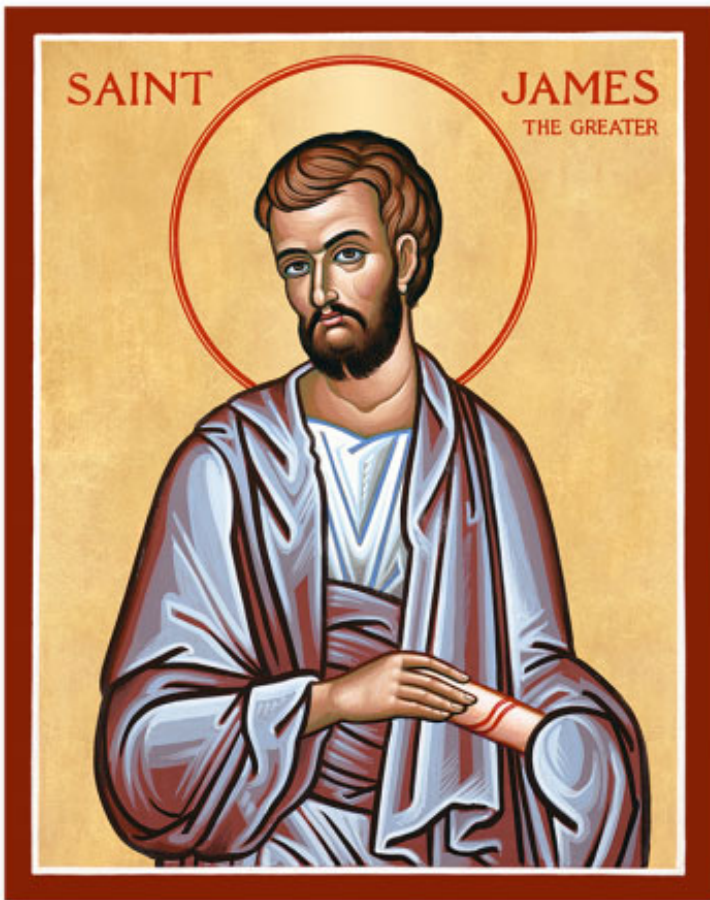


**The Church of St Francis
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR
THE FESTIVAL DAY OF ST JAMES
18th July 2021**



***We praise you for the witness
of James, the one who died
in telling of his Saviour,
Jesus the Crucified.
Lord help us not to treasure
our worldly goods or fame,
but may we, trials enduring,
bring glory to your name***

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Tom & Jenny; Janet M; Maegan W; Carson W; Matthew; Megan; Tom; Riley & his mum and family; Jeanette, David & Grace; Paula.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home and all those in our Church, friends and family who are managing long term health issues including: Rosemary; David & Cynthia; Pete and Rosie; Doreen; Sheila; John and Jane; Shirley.

We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend, including Charli, Summer and Lillie; and remember also those who have died in recent days.

**Heavenly Father
We ask your blessing upon us.
Hold the Heartsease Community,
and all the world,
in your arms of love.
Be with us.
Give us your strength,
peace, and healing grace.
Watch over us,
protect us from harm;
and keep in safety
all those who care for the sick
and attend to our needs,
in Jesus name we pray.
Amen**

COLLECT FOR THE FESTIVAL DAY OF ST JAMES

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus
Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the
world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call
without delay;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, united in prayer
and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE FESTIVAL DAY OF ST JAMES

ACTS 11: 27 – 12.2

At that time prophets came down from
Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named
Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit
that there would be a severe famine over all
the world; and this took place during the reign
of Claudius. The disciples determined that
according to their ability, each would send
relief to the believers living in Judea; this they
did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and
Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands
upon some who belonged to the church. He
had James, the brother of John, killed with
the sword.

PSALM 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of
Zion, ♦ then were we like those who dream.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter
♦ and our tongue with songs
of joy.**

3 Then said they among the nations, ♦
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

**4 The Lord has indeed done great things
for us, ♦ and therefore we rejoiced.**

5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦
as the river beds of the desert.

**6 Those who sow in tears ♦
shall reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the
seed, ♦ will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen**

2 CORINTHIANS 4: 7 – 15

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that
it may be made clear that this extraordinary
power belongs to God and does not come
from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not
crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;
persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down,
but not destroyed; always carrying in the
body the death of Jesus, so that the life of
Jesus may also be made visible in our
bodies. For while we live, we are always
being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so
that the life of Jesus may be made visible in
our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but
life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith
that is in accordance with scripture—'I
believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe,
and so we speak, because we know that the
one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us
also with Jesus, and will bring us with you
into his presence. Yes, everything is for your
sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and

more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

MARK 1: 14 – 20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST FRANCIS

Reverend Janet is away on a much needed break today and will not be with us until next Sunday. In her absence please contact Fr Tracy on 07834 845623 if you need to talk to a clergy person.

Please also note that the church continues to be open on weekday mornings from 10 til 12 for private prayer, and there is always someone around if you need help of any kind.

Since we have decided not to relax our Covid 19 precautions here at St Francis, by the same token we are unfortunately not able to sing hymns and songs of praise together yet.

Today however on this feast day of St James, we are pleased to welcome Ken Woodgate, singer and guitarist, who will be performing for us during the administration of Holy Communion and at the end of our service. However tempting it may be, we ask that you resist the urge to sing along! I'm sure you will join us in our gratitude to Ken for agreeing to provide us with some much missed live music.

At the rear of the church our 'Let it Grow' scheme run in partnership with Farmshare continues to thrive in the form of fresh vegetables. The chard is still going great guns, so if you'd like some, feel free to pick it and take some home. Chard (or beet spinach, as it's sometimes called) is easily cooked by quickly boiling like spinach and is rich in Vitamin C and iron. We will soon have some runner beans available from the look of things – an amazing bounty from such a modest space that only began to be sown a matter of a few short weeks ago. One volunteer said to me last Wednesday, 'something has certainly blessed this patch'. Yes actually, it is very blessed indeed – look at the size of this marrow!



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FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Mon: Morning Prayer – 9am

**Tues: Morning Prayer – 9am
Evening Prayer – 5pm**

**Weds: Morning Prayer – 9am
BCP Holy Communion – 11.30am
Evening Prayer - 5pm**

**Thurs: Morning Prayer – 9am
Evening Prayer – 5pm**

**Sun: Celebrating Together – 10.30am
[Holy Communion]**

LET IT GROW

**WHY NOT COME AND SEE WHAT
'LET IT GROW' IS ALL ABOUT?**

WEDNESDAYS @ 9am – 11.30am

**Weeding, sowing, planting, &
TEA AND CAKE BREAK 10:15am**



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